

# TO EAT THE FRUIT, CLIMB THE TREE

||||| STEELE



Of course I want  
to sit with you—  
to float weightless on your breath  
above the bluebell and  
the whitethorn  
at the east end of the orchard.

Of course I want  
to rest.

I want to sleep.  
But listen,

we cannot let the landlords live.

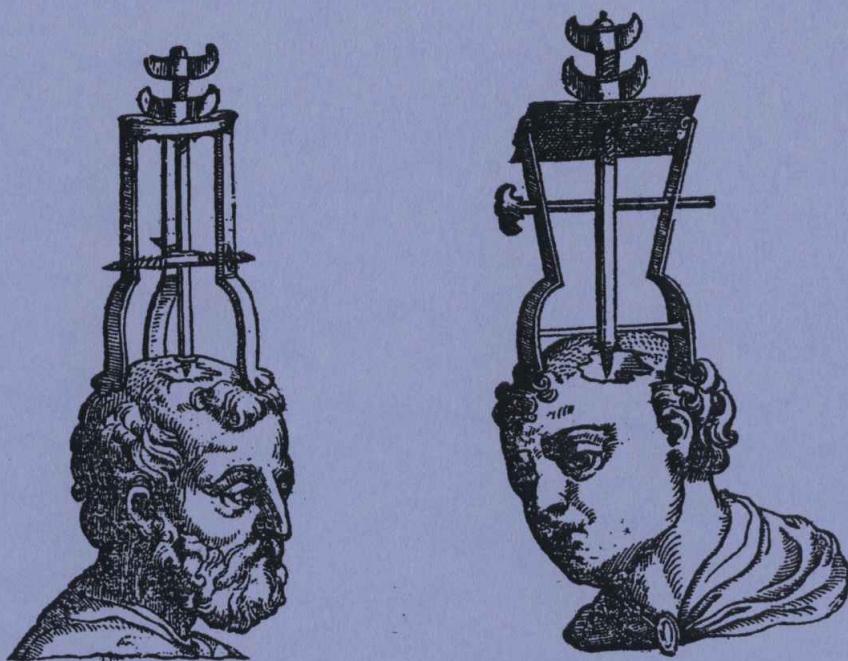


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